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1. IN GENERAL USG FEELS FORMATION OF A SOUND GLOBAL AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY REQUIRES EFFECTIVE ACTION IN A NUMBER OF CRITICAL AREAS. FIRST, WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION MUST BE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY WITH PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON RAISING AVERAGE YIELDS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. UNTIL THIS IN-CREASE IS ATTAINED FOOD NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST BE MET, AT LEAST IN PART, BY DEPENDABLE FOOD AID PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, WE SUPPORT INTERNATIONALLY COORDI-NATED SYSTEM OF NATIONAL GRAIN RESERVES AS BEST MEANS TO
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ACHIEVE WORLD FOOD SECURITY THROUGH ENHANCING ASSURANCE OF

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AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE SUPPLY.
2. ABOVE ACCORDS WITH URTEL, CONTENTS OF WHICH REMAIN VALID WITH EXCEPTION WORLD FOOD COUNCIL CITATION PARA 2 WHICH COULD TEND GIVE WFC BROADER ROLE THAN WE ENVISAGE OR THAN WAS CALLED FOR IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTION. LATTER ASKED WFC REVIEW MAJOR PROBLEMS AND POLICY ISSUES AFFECTING WORLD FOOD SITUATION AND STEPS PROPOSED OR TAKEN TO RESOLVE THEM BY GOVERNMENTS AND THE UN SYSTEM AND TO RECOMMEND REMEDIAL ACTION AS APPROPRIATE.

3. IN LIGHT ABOVE WE REGARD WFC AS HIGH LEVEL ADVISORY BODY WHICH SHOULD FOCUS ON ONLY THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ISSUES AND AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN OPERATIONAL MATTERS.

4. SPECIAL SESSION CAN, WE BELIEVE, HELP MAINTAIN MOMENTUM BEGUN IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND BRING EVEN FURTHER ATTENTION TO NEED FOR WFC AND BODIES SUCH AS NEW CONSULTATIVE GROUP TO REACH FULL SPEED IN SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. WILL ALSO ADD TO PRESSURE FOR GREATER EFFECTIVENESS IN EXISTING AGENCIES WITH RESPONSIBILITIES IN FOOD FIELD.

5. THE US HAS FELT FOOD SHOULD BE ON THE SPECIAL SESSION AGENDA SINCE IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND ARTIFICIAL TO HAVE A DISCUSSION OF WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND IGNORE THE VITAL FOOD AREA. WE DO NOT EXPECT THE UNGA TO TAKE SPECIFIC ACTION WITH REGARD TO FOOD BUT ONLY THAT IT CANNOT BE IGNORED IN AN OVER-ALL DISCUSSION OF GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. KISSINGER

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